

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

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(a) whether Education Ministers and Secretaries of North Eastern States, met in Guwahati in Assam on May 17, 2002, to hammer out a strategy for implementation of the Centrally sponsored Operation Black Board (OBB), Mid Day Meals and other schemes like Sarvasiksha Yojana;

(b) if so, the precise demands made by them; and

(c) the response of Union Government thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. RITA VERMA)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): The demands, inter-alia, include

i) 100% Central funding under Sarva Siksha Abhiyan or to meet the State share from Non-Lapsable Pool;

ii) Continuation of the teachers appointed under Operation Blackboard scheme under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan; and

iii) Additional resources and flexibility under Mid-Day Meal programme to suit local requirements.

c): This Ministry has forwarded for consideration these requests to the Planning Commission, Ministry of Finance and Department of North Eastern Region.